

topic: **HOLIDAYS | Thanksgiving (Part 1)**

*Fill in each blank space with the correct response. If both responses are acceptable, choose the one that sounds **more natural**:*

Thanksgiving is an important public holiday in the United States and in Canada. It is considered a day to give (1)\_\_\_\_\_ (thank-you/thanks) - often to God - for the things that one has.

On this day, it's important to remember what you have to be (2)\_\_\_\_\_ (thanked/thankful) for.

The holiday is nicknamed " (3)\_\_\_\_\_ (Turkey/Cranberry) Day" because this is the food that people associate most with Thanksgiving.

Many communities have annual food drives ( = a period of time over which they collect food donations) in order to feed the (4)\_\_\_\_\_ (needy/needed) on this day.

A (5)\_\_\_\_\_ (tradition/traditional) Thanksgiving dinner has turkey (usually whole), cranberry sauce, yams, and many other types of "autumn" food.

The most famous Thanksgiving dessert is pumpkin (6)\_\_\_\_\_ (cake/pie).

In English "to say (7)\_\_\_\_\_ (grace/graces)" means to say a few words of thanks - usually before eating a meal.

The history of American Thanksgiving goes back to 1621 when the Pilgrims, taught by a local American Indian tribe to (8)\_\_\_\_\_ (surpass/survive) in the new country, set apart a day to celebrate immediately after their first (9)\_\_\_\_\_ (harvest/harbor).

Another popular Thanksgiving food is (10)\_\_\_\_\_ (stuffing/stuff) - this is what the Thanksgiving turkey is "stuffed" with while it is cooking.

(Watching) American football is often a major (11)\_\_\_\_\_ (part/slice) of Thanksgiving celebrations in the United States.

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**ANSWERS:**

1) thanks 2)thankful 3)turkey 4)needy 5)traditional 6)pie 7)grace  
8)survive 9)harvest 10)stuffing 11)part